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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

FRANK SANTOS, DIANE QUALLS, and
REBECCA JOHNSON, on behalf of
themselves and all others similarly situated,
Plaintiffs,

v.

COUNTY OF ALAMEDA, BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS OF ALAMEDA COUNTY,
ALAMEDA COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES
AGENCY, and CHET HEWITT, in his
capacity official capacity as Director of the
Alameda County Social Services Agency; and
DOES 1-10, inclusive,
Defendants.

Case No. C04-02725 (JCS)

**THE PARTIES' THIRD JOINT
STIPULATION RE: EXTENSION OF
TIME TO NEGOTIATE ATTORNEYS'
FEES AND COSTS: REQUEST FOR
COURT ORDER**

JUDGE: Hon. Joseph C. Spero
DEPT: Courtroom 15th Floor

STIPULATION

On October 5, 2005 the Court approved the Settlement Agreement in the above-referenced case. Section XI of the Agreement, Attorneys' Fees, Costs and Expenses, provides:

The resolution of Plaintiffs' claims for attorneys' fees, costs and expenses remains under the jurisdiction of the Court. The parties agree to meet and confer to attempt to settle all claims for attorneys' fees, costs and expenses for any work performed by Plaintiffs' counsel and their firms in connection with this litigation up until the date this Agreement is approved by the Court. If the parties are unable to reach an agreement within 90 days from the effective date of this agreement, Plaintiffs may file a motion with the Court for an award of reasonable attorneys' fees, costs and expenses.

Counsel for plaintiffs and defendants previously agreed, and the Court approved, of two extensions of the deadline for the parties to meet and confer to settle plaintiffs' claims for attorneys' fees and costs. The most recent court-approved stipulation extended the deadline from March 6, 2006 until May 8, 2006. Since the parties were unable to resolve the attorney fee issue through direct negotiations, the parties agreed to seek assistance, filing a Joint Stipulation requesting a settlement conference before Magistrate Judge Maria-Elena James. This Court approved the stipulation on March 20, 2006.

The parties are now working cooperatively to schedule a mutually agreeable date and time before Judge James. Accordingly, the parties request an extension of 90 days, until **August 8, 2006**, to resolve the attorney fee issue. As the resolution of attorneys' fees and costs remains under the jurisdiction of the Court, the parties are requesting that the Court authorize this stipulated modification of their Agreement.

Respectfully Submitted,

DATED: May 1, 2006

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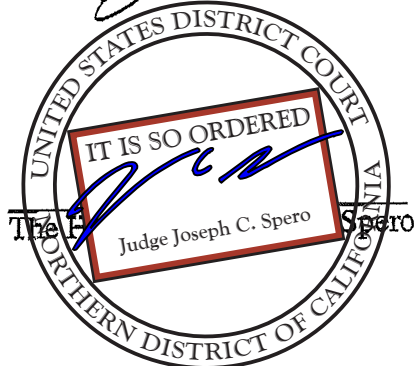
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7 IT IS SO ORDERED

9 DATED: May 2 __, 2006



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